

### Claim Amendments

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 as follows:

1. (currently amended)      A container for storing items, comprising:  
     a container bottom;  
     a side wall extending upward from said bottom and terminating in a rim  
 defining the periphery of said container, said side wall tapering from top to bottom;  
     a lid covering said container; ~~and~~  
     a surface discontinuity disposed on said side wall intermediate said rim  
 and said container bottom; and  
     a layer of shrinkwrap, wherein said layer of shrinkwrap is formed to and  
clings to at least a portion of said tapered side wall, wherein said layer of shrinkwrap is  
formed to and covers said surface discontinuity and conforms to the shape thereof.

2. (currently amended)      The container of claim 1, wherein said layer of  
shrinkwrap is formed to at least a portion of said lid~~further comprising a layer of~~  
~~shrinkwrap formed to said side wall and, optionally, said lid, said layer of shrinkwrap~~  
~~formed to and covering said surface discontinuity and conforming to the shape thereof.~~

3. (original)      The container of claim 2, wherein said shrinkwrap layer further  
 comprises a tear originating at a top portion thereof and extending downward along said  
 side wall, said shrinkwrap layer being substantially separated from said lid and rim yet  
 substantially clinging to said side wall, whereby said lid can be opened or removed yet  
 said shrinkwrap layer clings to said side wall.

4. (currently amended)      The container of claim ~~[[2]]~~1, further comprising an  
 adhesive-free label disposed between said shrinkwrap layer and said container side wall,  
 said shrinkwrap layer holding said label in place.

5. (currently amended)      The container of claim ~~[[2]]~~1, further comprising a  
 label adhesively affixed to the outside of said shrinkwrap layer about said side wall.

6. (original) The container of claim 2, wherein said shrinkwrap layer comprises an integral piece of shrink wrap.

7. (original) The container of claim 2, wherein said shrinkwrap layer covers the outer periphery of said lid.

8. (original) The container of claim 1, wherein said surface discontinuity comprises an indentation.

9. (original) The container of claim 8, wherein said indentation comprises a ridge extending continuously around said container side wall.

10. (original) The container of claim 1, wherein said surface discontinuity comprises a plurality of indentations disposed on said side wall.

11. (withdrawn) The container of claim 1, wherein said surface discontinuity comprises a protuberance disposed on said side wall.

12. (withdrawn) The container of claim 1, wherein said surface discontinuity comprises a plurality of protuberances disposed on said side wall.

13-16. (canceled)